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Our Case No. 9281-4140  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akira Nakano et al.

Serial No.: 09/925,579

Filing Date: August 9, 2001

For: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND SYSTEM, PERFORMANCE  
VALIDATION SYSTEM AND INSPECTION  
METHOD THEREFOR

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

Group Art Unit No.: 1763

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 22313 -1450

Dear Sir:

This in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 - 9 in view of the following amendments/remarks

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.